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$$\mathbb{R}^2$$
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ 
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ 
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ 

(57) Abstract

Novel 4-aryloxindoles having formula (I), where, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, X and A as set forth in the specification inhibit or modulate protein kinases, in particular JNK protein kinases and are useful as anti-inflammatory agents, particularly in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

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#### **CLAIMS**

#### What Is Claimed Is:

### 5 1. A compound of the formula

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing compounds, wherein

A is aryl or heteroaryl, each of which optionally substituted by one or more -OR<sup>4</sup>, COR<sup>4</sup>, -COOR<sup>6</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, halogen, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkyl substituted by (a), halogen, cycloalkyl, and/or heterocycle; cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or heterocycle; heterocycle or heterocycle substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl,

and/or cycloalkyl;
where (a) is -OR<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COOR<sup>4</sup>, -OCOR<sup>4</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>,
-SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, -OR<sup>4</sup>, -COOR<sup>4</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, halogen, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CN, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup> perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, or lower alkyl substituted by -OR<sup>8</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COOR<sup>4</sup>, and/or -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, -OR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, halogen, -CN, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, or lower alkyl substituted by -OR<sup>8</sup> and/or -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>;

R4 is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by (b), cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle; cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted (b), lower alkyl and/or heterocycle; heterocycle or heterocycle substituted by (b), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl; where (b) is  $-OR^5$ ,  $-COOR^8$ ,  $-COR^8$ ,  $-CONR^8R^9$ ,  $-NR^6R^7$ , -CN,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-SO_2R^8$ , or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, -COR<sup>8</sup>, -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by -OR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, -N(COR<sup>9</sup>)R<sup>10</sup>, -COR<sup>9</sup>, -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, and/or -COOR<sup>9</sup>;

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alkyl and/or heterocycle:

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently hydrogen, -COR<sup>8</sup>, -COOR<sup>8</sup>, -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or heterocycle), heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl), aryl (or aryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle), or heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle); or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted by (c), lower

heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl).

- aryl (or aryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle).or heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle); where (c) is -OR5, -COOR8, -COR8, -CONR8R9, -CN, -NO2, -SO2R8,-SO2NR8R9, -NR8R9:
- or alternatively, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> forms a ring having 3 to 7 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by one or more of lower alkyl, "OR5, -COR8, -COOR8, CONR8R9, and -NR5R9;

R8 is hydrogen, lower alkyl (or lower alkyl substituted by cycloalkyl, heterocycle, aryl, 30 heteroaryl, -OR9, -NR9R10, and/or -N(COR9)R10),

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aryl (or aryl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, halogen and /or - SO<sub>2</sub>F),

- heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, halogen and  $/or -SO_2F$ ),
- cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, heterocycle and/or aryl), or heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or aryl); where (d) is -OR<sup>9</sup>, -COOR<sup>9</sup>, -COR<sup>9</sup>, -CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>;
- 10 R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl or aryl; and

X is =N- or =CH-.

- 2. The compounds of claim 1, wherein
- R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, lower alkyl optionally substituted by cycloalkyl, heterocycle, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, and/or -N(COR<sup>9</sup>)R<sup>10</sup>; aryl optionally substituted by the group consisting of (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle;

heteroaryl optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle;

cycloalkyl optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, heterocycle and/or aryl; heterocycle optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or aryl; where (d) is -OR<sup>9</sup>, -COOR<sup>9</sup>, -COR<sup>9</sup>, -CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>,-CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are each independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;

- 25 and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, A and X are as in claim 1.
- 3. The compounds of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is aryl or heteroaryl each of which optionally is substituted by -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -OR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup> -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by −OR<sup>5</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, and/or −CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>.

.4. The compounds of claim 1 having the formula:

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein

- R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>1</sup> are each independently hydrogen, -OR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, halogen, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl (or lower alkyl substituted by (a), halogen, cycloalkyl, and/or heterocycle), cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or heterocycle), heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or cycloalkyl); where (a) is -OR<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -COOR<sup>4</sup>, -OCOR<sup>4</sup>, -CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>;
  - and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and X are as defined in claim 1 for formula I.
- The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein R² is hydrogen, -OR⁴, NO₂, -NR⁶Rⁿ, perfluoroalkyl, halogen, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶Rⁿ lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by–OR⁶ and/or -NR⁶Rⁿ.
  - 6. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein R³ is hydrogen, -OR⁴,-NR⁶R³, lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by the group consisting of -OR³ and -NR⁶R³.
  - 7. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of –H and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of –OR<sup>5</sup>, -COOR<sup>8</sup>, -COR<sup>8</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> and –CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>.

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- 8. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of -COR<sup>8</sup>, -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, and lower alkyl.
- 5 9. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of -H, -COR<sup>8</sup>, -COOR<sup>8</sup>, -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, aryl, heteroaryl and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of OR<sup>5</sup>, and -NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>.
- 10. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 9 wherein R<sup>8</sup> is selected from the group consisting of –H, aryl, heteroaryl and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, -OR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, and N(COR<sup>9</sup>)R<sup>10</sup>.
  - 11. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein X is =CH-.
    - 12. The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is heteroaryl.
- The compound of claim 12 wherein A is indole or substituted indole.
  - 14. A compound of claim 5 which is
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-phenyl-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one; (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one hydrochloride salt;
- 30 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-2H-indol-2-one;

- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2-methylphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one;
- (Z)-4-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-{(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene}-2H-indol-5 2-one;
  - (Z)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one; 10
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(1-naphthalenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one:
  - (Z)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one;
    - (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-phenyl-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2one; or 20
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one.

#### 15. A compound of claim 5 which is

- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic 25 acid;
  - (Z)-3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;
- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-4yl]-benzoic acid;

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- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;
- (Z)-4-[5-Amino-2,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;
- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-5-[(2-thienylacetyl)amino]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;
- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-5-[(2-thienylacetyl)amino]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;
- (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1Hindol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate salt;
  - 16. A compound of claim 5 which is
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide;
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)ene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-3-bromobenzamide;
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)ene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-3-cyanobenzamide;
- (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-20 phenyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl}-4-fluorobenzamide;
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
  - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-methoxybenzamide;
  - (Z)-4-Amino-N-[3-[2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]cyclohexanecarboxamide;
- (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]-4-(fluorosulfonyl)benzamide; or

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- (Z)-N-[2-[[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4yl]phenyl]amino]-2-oxoethyl]-4-(fluorosulfonyl)benzamide;
  - 17.
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-(2-thiophenyl)-2H-indol-2-one; A compound of claim 12 which is
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2,4-dimethoxy-6-pyrimidinyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indolyl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2-one; 10 2H-indol-2-one,
  - (Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-
  - (Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-2H-indol-2-one,
    - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indoloxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;
    - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one; 2-one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-20 2H-indol-2-one,
    - (Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-
    - (Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-2H-indol-2-one, or oxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide. 25
      - A compound of claim 5 which is 18.
      - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4yl]phenyl]methanesulfonamide;
      - (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4yl]phenyl]-2-thiophenesulfonamide; or

- (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-thiophenesulfonamide.
- 19. A compound of claim 5 which is

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- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-4-phenyl-10 1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;
  - (Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;
- (Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one; or
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt.
  - 20. A compound of claim 1 which is
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- 30 (Z)-4-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt;

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- (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-4-(3-Amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- indol-2-one;
  (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
  - 2-[3-[5-Fluoro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenylamino]-acetamide; or
  - (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxymethyl-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one.
  - 21. (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-iodo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one
  - 22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
  - 23. The compounds of claim 1 for use as medicaments.
  - 24. The use of a compound of claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament containing a compound of claim 1 for treating a neuro-degenerative disease, particularly rheumatoid arthritis.
  - 25. The novel compounds, compositions and use as hereinbefore described, especially with reference to the Examples.

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